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H.B. No. 1829

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the punishment for assault committed against certain sports participants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 22.01(c), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An offense under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) is a Class C misdemeanor, except that the offense is

~~[(1)]~~ a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is committed:

(1) under Subsection (a)(3) against an elderly individual or disabled individual, as those terms are defined by Section 22.04; or

~~(2) [a Class B misdemeanor if the offense is committed]~~ by any [a] person, other than [who is not] a sports participant who is an athlete younger than 19 years of age, against another [a] person the actor knows is a sports participant either:

(A) while the participant is performing duties or responsibilities in the participant's capacity as a sports participant; or

(B) in retaliation for or on account of the participant's performance of a duty or responsibility within the participant's capacity as a sports participant.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
2 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
3 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
4 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
5 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
6 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
7 before that date.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.